(d) by when these pending cases are likely to be disposed of ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (d) The yearwise number of Industrial Licence applications received and disposed of under the provisions of the Industries (D & R) Act, 1951 for the grant of Letters of Intent from the public sector (including Joint sector) and the private sectors during the years 1985 to 1987 (upto 31-10-'87) is shown below:

Year	Total No. of applications	Number of 1L applica-tion-; received		Number of pre posals approved and LOl granted	
		Public sector (including joint sector)	Pvt. See.	Public sector (including joint sestrjr)	Private -rector
1985	47	16	31	9	15
1986	54	20	*it*	5	10
1987 (as on 31-10-87)	32	19	13	i	4

The remaining applications are under different stages of processing. It is the constant endeavour of the Government to dispose of all pending Industrial Licence applications as expeditiously as possible. To ensure this, procedures have been streamlined.

Import Duty on Paraffin

837.DR.BAPUKALDATE:

DR.(SHRIMATI) SAROJINIMAHISHI:

"Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Petrochemical Corporation Limited (IPCL) and Tamil Nadu Petrochemical Corporation Limited would in any way be benefited by reduction of import duty on normal paraffin from Rs. 10, 000 per tonne to something like Rs. 2, 500 per tonne; if so, to what extent;

(b) whether IPCL and TNPCL have! been manufacturing LAB by purifying! Kerosene from Baroda refinery and j TNPCL makes LAB from paraffin obtain- I ed by purifying kerosene supplied by the i Madras Refinery; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for permitting Reliance Industries Limited to import LAB and for reducing the import duty on paraffin ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Both Indian Petrochemical Corporation Limited and Tamil Nadu Petrochemical Corporation Limited would be benefited by reduction of duty on N-Paraffin to the extent N-Paraffin is imported by them.

(b) Yes, Sir. However, TNPCL is yet to commence production.

(c) Reliance Industries Limited's have not been permitted to import LAB. However, its LAB plant is ready for commissioning based on N-Paraffin as feed stock. Duty reduction on N-Paraffin has been announced so as to make indigenously produced LAB based on imported Paraffin available at reasonable prices.